

Remarks and Arguments

The pending claims are 23, 25, 26 and 69. Claim 23 has been amended, and claim 69 is new.

The prior rejection under §103(a) has been withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected independent claim 23 (and claims 25-26 which depend thereon) under §112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failure to recite a specified value of current.

Applicant has amended independent claim 23 to more clearly state and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Support for the amendment to claim 23 is found in the specification on page 21, last two lines. Applicant respectfully asserts that amended claim 23, and claims 25-26 which depend thereon, satisfy the requirements of §112 and are now in condition for allowance.

New claim 69 is also directed to the fusible link as described in the specification on one or more on pages 6, 9 and 21-22, including Figure 6 which shows a fusible link 322 of smaller dimensions than the sub-electrodes 320 connected to the fusible link (e.g., in Fig. 6 directly adjacent to it in the same row and column). Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 69 also properly recites Applicant's claimed invention as described in the specification.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the present application the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Any amendments or cancellation or submissions with respect to the claims herein is made without prejudice and is not an admission that said canceled or amended or otherwise affected subject matter is not patentable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue canceled or amended subject matter in one or more continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

To the extent that Applicant has not addressed one or more assertions of the Examiner because the foregoing response is sufficient, this is not an admission by Applicant as to the accuracy of such assertions.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any fees in addition to fees submitted herewith that may be required to enter/allow this response and any accompanying papers to our deposit account 02-3038 and credit any overpayments thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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